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U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Nolan to Swear-in 30 new Peace Corps Volunteers

Nairobi, 14 August 2012 - On August 15, 2012, the U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, Ambassador Stephen J. Nolan will preside over a swearing-in ceremony of 30 new Peace Corps Public Health Volunteers at the Ambassador's residence in Muthaiga. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

The new volunteers will have successfully completed ten weeks of in-country training, including pedagogical, cross-cultural and language training at the Peace Corps training center in Loitokitok. They will be posted to rural Kenya where they will serve for the next two years, assisting communities on health issues at the grassroots level.

Since 1964, the Peace Corps has assisted the people and the Government of Kenya in meeting their development needs by providing over 6,000 Peace Corps volunteers skilled in a variety of disciplines. Volunteers currently support the Government of Kenya's development efforts in three key areas: Education, Public Health (including HIV/AIDS prevention) and Community Economic Development.

The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy to promote world peace and friendship. Since that time over 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in 139 host countries, working on development issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Peace Corps volunteers are American citizens who are qualified for service abroad and who commit to serving twenty-seven months in order to help peoples in developing countries. Peace Corps volunteers currently serve in 75 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle East. The Peace Corps' mission has three simple goals:

1. Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women;
2. Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served, and,
3. Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Assigned reporters to cover the event should arrive at the U.S. Ambassador's residence, 93 Muthaiga Road by 10:00 a.m. They should bring with them the photo national identity and press card.

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